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**CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION**  
**FILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b) and §1.78(a)**

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) and §1.78(a), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/040,202, filed on October 22, 2001 by Terry L. Baltzer and Russell Allen Riddle for **VIBRATING SCREEN ASSEMBLY WITH INTEGRATED GASKET AND FRAME**.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior application including the redacted amended version, including the oath or declaration originally filed (37 CFR §1.78(a)).

The copy of the papers of prior application as filed which are attached are as follows:

19 pages of specification

5 pages of claims

1 page of abstract

"EXPRESS MAIL" Mailing Label No.EV382993017US , Date of Deposit: January 6, 2004, I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington D.C. 20231 by

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10 sheet(s) of drawings

Declaration and Power of Attorney

Cancel in this application original Claims 6, 7, 18, 19, 23 and 24 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. Claims 1 through 5, 8 through 17, 20 through 22, 25 and new Claim 26 remain.

The fee calculation is as follows:

Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$770.00
Total Claims	$\underline{20} - 20 = 0 \times$	\$ 09.00	\$
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	$\underline{3} - 3 = 0 \times$	\$ 42.00	\$
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))	$\times$	\$125.00	

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Applicant does not claim small entity status. (37 CFR 1.28(a)).

A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--      This is a continuation application of copending Serial No. 10/040,202 filed on  
October 22, 2001. --.

With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC §120 the inventor(s) in this application is the same.

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith.

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same.

The power of attorney is to the attorney(s) and/or agent(s) presently listed in our Customer No. 24,118 all members duly authorized to practice law. Further, all foregoing attorneys are authorized to prosecute this application to register, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent Document, if issued.

The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
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